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In re:

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For:

HOLLOW RACK SHAFT

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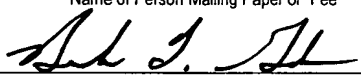
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), of Application Serial No. 09/918,117, filed on July 30, 2001, by Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO and Yasushi WATANABE, entitled HOLLOW RACK SHAFT.

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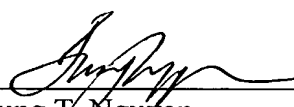
Please enter the Amendment which was previously filed on January 21, 2004 (mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office on January 15, 2004), but not entered by the Examiner, and wherein claim 13 incorporates new amendments, and claims 1-12, 14, and 15 have been cancelled.

A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$880.00 (\$770.00 for the filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and the one month extension fee of \$110.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)), to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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INVENTOR(S): Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO and Yasushi WATANABE			
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- ☒ (A) Consider the Amendment previously filed on January 21, 2004.
☒ (B) A Petition for Extension of Time (\$110)
 ☒ for 1 month ☐ for 2 months ☐ for 3 months;
 A Petition for Extension of Time, having been previously filed,
 ☐ for 1 month ☐ for 2 months ☐ for 3 months
☐ (C) A request for approval of proposed drawing changes.
☐ (D) A Letter to Official Draftsperson.
☐ (E) An Information Disclosure Statement.
☒ (F) Other: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (\$770)
☐ (G) A Notice of Change of Inventor Address.

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x \$9	\$
x \$43	
+ \$145	
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